Docket No.: 1384.1006 (JDH)

Group Art Unit: 3662

Examiner: N. Moskowitz

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hans POISEL

U.S. Appln. No. 09/194,049

DEVICE FOR RECEIVING OPTICAL SIGNALS BY MEANS OF A LIGHT-For:

GUIDING OBJECT

Filed: November 23, 1998

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEYS (37 C.F.R. 10.40(c))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

The undersigned attorneys respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further 1. responsibility for the above-identified application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.36 and 10.40(c).

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

The last known mailing address of the inventor(s) is: 2.

> Hans Poisel Puhlhof 14 D-91227 Leinburg Germany

BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. 10.40(c) §(1)(vi). 3.

The attorneys of record have rendered substantial legal services and expended substantial out-of-pocket sums on behalf of many German clients of the following foreign correspondent:

> Dr. Wilhelm Munich DR. MUNICH & KOLLEGEN ANWALTSKANZLEI Wilhelm-Mayr-Str. 11 D-80689 Munchen, GERMANY.

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Attached to this request is the firm's Statement of Account dated September 28, 2000. The debit memo(s) which are highlighted represent unpaid bills for the above-identified application.

- 4. We believe that the firm will be harmed if we must continue to assume responsibility in any way over this application. As will be apparent from the above-mentioned Statement of Account, this firm is currently owed for services and disbursements a very large sum of money.
- 5. Once the application for our withdrawal is approved, kindly direct all future correspondence regarding this application to the Applicant(s) at the above-noted address.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

6. Status of this Application:
Office Action mailed June 20, 2000 and reported June 26, 2000. No instructions received.

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

7. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments is being sent to the Applicant.

NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

- 8. This request is being filed in triplicate (Original plus two copies).
- 9. In conclusion, due to the absence of receiving all our fees from the Applicant, we do not want to expend any further time on this application or continue to be responsible in any way therefor. For this reason, we earnestly solicit the Commissioner's prompt consideration and approval of this application to withdraw.

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10. The undersigned, as a Senior Partner of the firm, signs on behalf of all attorneys listed on the Power of Attorney of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted, STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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Date: Oct 11, 2000